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RAJYA SABHA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	Maharashtra	13.61	44.72	38.58	71.57	24.58
10	Manipur	7.05	5.53	8.06	11.60	00.25
11.	Meghalaya	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	0.25
12.	Mizoram	6.74	00.00	1.79	1.06	00.00
13.	Orissa	5.67	5.10	7.93	10.21	5.52
14.	Punjab	00.00	7.05	8.55	6.38	23^28
15.	Rajasthan	17.63	14.78	22.78	12.37	27.42
16.	Tamil Nadu	44.57	58.51	73.21	56.07	37.14
17.	Tripura	00.00	00.00	0.50	00.00	5.69
18.	Uttar Pradesh	14.41	35.62	74.28	72.09	67.92
19.	West Bengal	126.17	142.36	187.53	159.82	187.72
20.	Chandigarh	00.00	1.85	8.59	9.00	00.00
21.	Delhi	28.19	31.96	50.35	54.11	37.21
	TOTAL	326.21	480.21	717.13	623.03	594.09

Economic Security and Medical Facilities for Senior Citizens

1309. SHR] NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 per cent of the elderly persons live below the poverty line and only 10 per cent of our senior citizens enjoy a modicum of economic security;

(b) whether there are only 354 old age homes throughout the country and public sector controlled schemes do not insure people over the age of 70;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State's best medical facilities do not offer the health care facilities they need;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The percentage elderly persons below poverty line is not available separately.

(b) 391 Old Age homes run by non-governmental organizations are financially assisted by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Insurance schemes run by public sector organizations like LIC etc. do not insure people over the age of 70.

(c) State's best Medical facilities are open and available for all the citizens including elderly persons. Additionally, all States/UTs have been advised to provide for separate facilities such as queues for elderly person in hospitals.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Inclusion of Khana Badosh' in ST list

† 1310. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nomads popularly known as Khana Badosh (Kanjars) in Uttar Pradesh are demanding for the last several years to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes under the category of Gihar tribals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SC/ST Commission, Backward Commission and State Government have also accorded their approval for the same;

(c) if so, when Government had received the approval from the State Government and the said Commission; and

(d) by when the Kanjar caste will be included in the list of Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) A representation has been received on 22.7.2002 for inclusion of the Khana Badosh (Kanjars) community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Uttar Pradesh, which has been forwarded to the State Government for comments. Recommendations of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the National Commission for Backward Classes and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.